

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): Goniochromatic luster pigments comprising at least one dielectric low-refractive interference-colored layer which includes a polar organic solvent which can interact with the layer material via hydroxyl or amide groups.

Claim 2 (Original): Goniochromatic luster pigments as claimed in claim 1 and comprising at least one dielectric low-refractive interference-colored layer which have been subjected to a thermal treatment in the polar organic solvent.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the organic solvent is ethylene glycol.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, which have additionally been treated with a silane.

Claim 5 (Original): Luster pigments as claimed in claim 4, which have been treated with a silane of the general formula I



where:

R represents C₁-C₁₈-alkyl radicals which may be singly or multiply unsaturated and/or substituted by C₁-C₆-alkanoloxo, halogen, amino and/or saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₆-alkoxy which may contain an epoxy group, and each R is the same or different for a > 1;

X is C₁-C₄-alkoxy and each X may be the same or different for b > 1;

a is 1, 2 or 3;

b is 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the sum $a + b = 4$.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~, which have additionally been treated with a silane of the general formula Ia



where:

R' is vinyl or propyl which may be substituted in the terminal position by saturated or unsaturated C₂-C₄-alkoxy which may contain an epoxy group; and

X' is methoxy or ethoxy.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing luster pigments as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, which comprises heating the pigment particles in the organic solvent to a temperature $\geq 100^\circ\text{C}$.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing luster pigments as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4, which comprises adding the silane before, during and/or after the heating.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of luster pigments as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for coloring~~ Coloring coatings, inks, ~~including~~ printing inks, plastics, glasses, ceramic products and decorative cosmetic preparations comprising the luster pigments as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~The use of luster pigments as claimed in any of~~
~~claims 1 to 6 for coloring~~ Coloring baking finishes and powder coatings comprising the luster
pigments as claimed in claim 1.